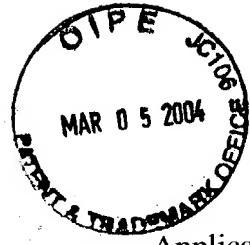


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the September 3, 2003, office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below

Amendments to the Specification appear beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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